



URBAN DISTRICT OF ILFRACOMBE

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1968

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



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Health Department,  
ILFRACOMBE.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Avant and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Urban District.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. WILLIAMS,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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Public Health Staff

Part Time Officer

Medical Officer of Health

E. Williams M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Whole Time Officers:

Senior Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent,

Housing Officer, Petroleum Inspector

D.G. Andrews, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

Clerk: B.T. Down

## STATISTICS.

### General Statistics.

Area (Land and Inland Water)	5,627 acres
Population:-	
Mid 1968 Estimate	8,210
Rateable Value (1.4.68)	£347,098
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,353
Bright Sunshine during 1968	1574.2 hrs
Rainfall during 1968	42.5 ins

### Extracts from Vital Statistics

Births: Area Comparability Factor	1.28
Deaths       "       "       "	0.67

### Vital Statistics.

Live Births -	
Number	115
Rate per 1,000 population	14.0
Rate per 1,000 population, adjusted by Comp. Factor	17.92
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births	9.5%
Stillbirths -	
Number	1
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births.	8.6
Total Live and Still Births	116
Infant Deaths, (deaths under 1 year)	1
Infant Mortality Rates -	
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births	9
Legit       "       "       "       "       Legit       "	9.6
Illegit     "       "       "       "       Illegit     "	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births)	Nil
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total Live Births)	Nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under week combined, per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births)	8.6

# Maternal Mortality (including Abortion)

Number of Deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	Nil
Deaths	154
Death Rate per 1,000 population	18.8
" " " " " adjusted by Comp. Factor	12.6

## Population, Births and Deaths Table for the Urban District since 1931

Year	Population	Live Births	Deaths
1931	9,175 Census		
1951	9,228 Census		
1959	8,650	113	130
1960	8,620	105	139
1961	8,701 Census	117	155
1962	8,510	102	145
1963	8,420	120	157
1964	8,200	129	143
1965	8,280	136	152
1966	8,230	140	143
1967	8,240	113	157
1968	8,210	115	154

LIVE BIRTHS	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	59	45	104
Illegitimate	6	5	11
	<hr/> 65	<hr/> 50	<hr/> 115

DEATHS	Males	Females	Total
	70	84	154

## BIRTH RATE (adjusted) AND DEATH RATE

1959	14.9	10.9
1960	13.9	11.6
1961	15.3	12.8
1962	13.6	12.4
1963	18.1	12.6
1964	20.1	11.6
1965	19.5	11.5
1966	21.7	11.54
1967	17.4	12.8
1968	17.9	12.6

Table showing the certified Causes of Death in the District during 1968

Registrar General's Figures		
	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	2
" " - Lung, Bronchus	4	3
" " - Breast	-	3
" " - Uterus		2
Leukaemia	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc	10	6
Other Endocrine etc Diseases	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc	-	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	23	22
Other Forms of Heart Disease	-	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	19
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	3
Pneumonia	2	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	-
Asthma	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3	1
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	3
All other External Causes	1	-
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	70	84

<u>Cancer Deaths</u>	Male	Female
Stomach	2	2
Lung and Bronchus	4	3
Breast	-	3
Uterus	-	2
Leukaemia	1	1
Others	10	6

Total Number of Cancer Deaths and percentage of Cancer Deaths to total Deaths

Year	Total Deaths	Cancer Deaths	% of Cancer Deaths to Total Deaths
1959	130	19	14.7
1960	139	27	19.4
1961	155	22	15.0
1962	145	33	22.0
1963	157	27	17.0
1964	143	33	23.0
1965	152	25	16.0
1966	143	28	19.0
1967	157	25	15.9
1968	154	34	22.0



### Infant Mortality Rate

During the year 1 infant died under the age of 1 year.

	Males	Females
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-

The cause of death of the above child was Pneumonia.

### Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

### Cancer of Lungs and Bronchus

Year	Male	Female	Total
1959	2	1	3
1960	2	3	5
1961	4	1	5
1962	4	1	5
1963	3	1	4
1964	10	1	11
1965	7	2	9
1966	10	-	10
1967	11	-	11
1968	4	3	7

### Infectious Diseases

Six infectious disease cases were notified during the year.

Measles	3
Infective Hepatitis	1
Pul. Tuberculosis	2

There were no instances of food poisoning reported.

### Incidence of Lung Tuberculosis

	Notification	Death
1959	2	1
1960	1	1
1961	2	1
1962	3	-
1963	4	1
1964	1	1
1965		
1966	5	-
1967	-	1
1968	2	-

### National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

No elderly persons were removed compulsorily from their homes to County Welfare Centres during the year.

### Meals on Wheels

This Service, run by the W.R.V.S., commenced 1963 by serving 15 meals to persons in need of the service twice weekly, during 1968 increased to 40 meals per session.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

#### Hospitals.

The hospital services for Ilfracombe and the surrounding areas are administered by the South West Regional Hospital Board through the North Devon Hospital Management Committee.

The hospital situated in the town is the Ilfracombe and District Tyrrell Hospital which has 32 beds. During the year the Bicclescombe Hospital was closed. This hospital had 10 convalescent beds and 10 maternity beds. With the opening of the new maternity unit at Barnstaple, all maternity cases needing hospital delivery are now admitted to Barnstaple.

#### Isolation of Infectious Diseases.

The Kingsley Hospital at Bideford is available for infectious diseases other than small pox.

#### Small Pox.

Liskeard Small Pox Hospital is the one to which any cases of small pox will be sent. Special ambulance transport can be obtained through Plymouth Ambulance Service. Tel. No. Plymouth 64101.

#### Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

#### Ambulance Services.

Two motor ambulances, under the control of the County Health Authority, are stationed at Ilfracombe and operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.



### Orthopaedic Clinic.

Held at Boutport Street, Barnstaple, the first Friday in each month at 11 a.m. by appointment.

### Chest Clinic.

At the North Devon Infirmary Annexe, Barnstaple. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. from clinic and X-Ray examinations, and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Venereal Diseases Clinic.

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Females: Mondays 4.0 p.m.      Thursdays 4.30 p.m.

Males:    Mondays 5.15 p.m.      Thursdays 5.45 p.m.

### G.P. Clinic.

Devon County Council Health Centre which was opened during 1967.

The following sessions are held at the G.P. Clinic:-

Child Welfare Centre	Thursdays, 2 - 4.30 p.m.
Ante Natal Clinic	2nd & 4th Mondays 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.
School Clinic	Daily 9.0 - 9.15 a.m. during term.
Consultation Clinic School Children	1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Dental Clinic	Fridays, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

### By Appointment Only

Opthalmic Clinic	3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon odd months, January, etc
Speech Therapy	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, p.m.
Chiropody Clinic	1st, 2nd and 5th Wednesdays, a.m.
Hearing Assessment Clinic	2nd Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
Cytology Clinic	1st Wednesday each month, a.m.
Family Planning	1st & 2nd Wednesdays, a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Avant and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my third Annual Report relating to the work of my Department for the year ending 31st December 1968.

No Council Houses were erected during the year. Construction of the old people's home (by and for the Devon County Council at Burrow House site, Highfield Road) was well advanced by the end of the year.

Ministerial approval was obtained during the year for the construction of 47 units of accommodation to be erected on the same site for the District Council.

The layout plan was approved by the Council and the Devon County Council are to prepare the detailed plans of the various dwellings for this Authority.

The scheme consists of 8 bungalows and 19 ground floor one-bedroomed flats for old people, 19 first floor one-bedroomed flats for general need and accommodation for a resident warden.

There were 90 applicants on the waiting list for one bedroomed accommodation, 63 applicants for two-bedroomed accommodation, 35 applicants for three-bedroomed accommodation and 4 for four-bedroomed accommodation at the end of the year.

The new accommodation to be provided at the Burrow House Site will greatly assist, in reducing the number of applicants for one-bedroomed accommodation and who are <sup>in</sup> the most urgent need of rehousing.

There are now fourteen sets of public conveniences in the Urban District. Two further conveniences were provided with wash-hand basins and cold water supply. There are now only two sets of conveniences without these facilities.

Paper hand towels and soap dispensers are provided free of charge for use in connection with washing facilities.

Labour problems were experienced during the winter months with the refuse collection staff. One additional loader was eventually employed on one of the two crews giving driver/loader and three loaders and the systems whereby the crews leave work when their rounds are completed was abolished, all crews now remaining on duty until normal finishing time.

It is essential that a suitable scheme be put into operation for the summer months, when an additional vehicle comes into service.

At the time of writing I can envisage a third loader being necessitated on this additional vehicle which will be in use, raising the complement of employees to nine, compared with seven during the 1967/8 summer season.

The new Dennis Paxit IIA refuse vehicle came into service in May. It has proved itself a satisfactory vehicle, capable of dealing with a much larger volume of refuse per load than the Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic 20. This vehicle is now used during both summer and winter.

The hopper of the S. & D. Pakamatic was modified during the early part of the winter. This enables large cardboard containers to be taken into the collection body, with much greater efficiency.

The old S. & D. Fore and Aft Tipper has been retained as a stand-by vehicle.

During the year a total of 69 premises were given a second general inspection under the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act. This represents approximately one-third of the total number of premises registered under the provisions of the Act.

In most cases, these follow-up inspections revealed that works required on first inspections had been carried out.

When registered premises are also food premises they are inspected under the provisions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

The standard of food hygiene in hotels, boarding-houses and food shops was found to be generally satisfactory.

During the year 2,219 visits were made and 338 interviews granted in relation to the work of the Department.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Council, Officers and my Clerk, Mr. Down, for their support and assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Avant & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D.G. ANDREWS, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.



SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1968

<u>Public Health</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Revisits</u>
General	143	58
Infectious Diseases	-	-
Rooms disinfected	-	-
Refuse (including bins)	346	7
Refuse Trade	-	-
Litter	-	-
Accumulations	-	-
Camping and Caravans	54	8
Drains	115	99
Drains tested	-	-
Sewers and Sewage disposal	-	-
Insect Pests	-	-
Refuse Tip	341	-
Complaints	-	-
Rodent Control	11	-
Public Conveniences	71	1
Pet Shops	-	-
Depot	69	2
Water Supply	4	-
Theatre/Entertainments	-	-
Swimming Baths	1	-
Means of Escape (Section 60)	4	2
Disease of Animals	-	-
Animal Boarding Establishments	-	-
Civic Amenities Act	11	7
Scrap Metal Dealers Act	1	-
<u>Housing</u>		
General	281	132
Overcrowding	1	-
Grants	9	9
Inspections (Regulations)	-	-
Applications	118	8

	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Revisits</u>
<u>Petroleum Act</u>	14	8
Petroleum Tank Tests	2	2
<u>Offices Shops &amp; Railway Premises Act</u>	74	3
<u>Factories</u> (with power)	5	10
(without power)	1	-
(sites etc)	-	-
<u>Food &amp; Drugs</u>		
Regulations	82	18
Ice Cream	-	-
Milk & Dairies	-	-
Meat & Foods	22	2
Markets	-	-
<u>Meetings</u>	63	-
<u>Interviews etc</u>	338	-

#### REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no houses registered in the district.

#### SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Refuse	114
Drains, sewers and closets	7
Food and Drugs	2
Housing matters	2
Holiday Accommodation	4
Streams	-
Smoke	1
Rats and Mice	41
Animals, Birds and Insects	2
Smell	2
Fouling of footpaths by dogs	2
Water	-
Public Conveniences	-
Noise	4
Miscellaneous	-
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FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Summary of items which received  
attention

Washbasin provided	3
General Decoration	8
Walls and floors repaired	5

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS RECORDED

Work done 1968 as a result of action taken:-

	Informal Notice	Statutory Notice
Drains cleared	24	3
Drains repaired	6	-
Drains relaid	7	-
Chambers repaired	6	-
Rain water pipe repaired	3	-
Roofs repaired	9	-
Dustbins provided	2	-
Gutters repaired	5	-
Accumulations removed	10	-

During the year 269 informal notices and 3 statutory notices were served.

	Informal	Statutory
Public Health	183	3
Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act	33	-
Food and Drugs	36	-
Disease of Animals	2	-
Civic Amenities Act	4	-
Factories Act	5	-
Animal Boarding Establishment Act	-	-
Housing Acts	1	-
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act	1	-
Petroleum Acts	3	-
Pet Animals Act	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	269	3

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	1	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	43	15	5	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	-	-	-
Total	60	16	5	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were				Number of defects in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H .M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to homework)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	2	-	2	-

OUTWORK

Section 110

Section 111

Nature of Work	Number of outworkers in August	Number of Cases of Default in sending lists	Number of prosecutions for failure to send lists	Number of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Prosecu- served tions.
Wearing Apparel Making etc	1	-	-	-	-
Plastics	-	-	-	-	-
Shoe Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-

Clean Air Act. One complaint of smoke nuisance was received during the year, which concerned a domestic chimney.

## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) By the Local Authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	32

### Housing Statistics

1. <u>Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year</u>	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	64
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	197
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	-
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(c) Number of notices served to remedy defects	1
2. <u>Houses Demolished</u>	-
3. <u>Unfit Houses Closed as a result of Action under the Housing Acts</u>	7
4. <u>Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied</u>	
After informal action	12
After formal action under	
(a) Public Health Acts (1) by Owners	-
(2) by L.A. in default	-
(b) Housing Acts	-

### Housing

Mrs. Braund, the Warden of the Old People's Flats at Wilder Park continued to carry out her duties in a most efficient manner on many occasions helping the old persons under her charge in ways strictly outside the terms of her employment.

When the forty-seven units of accommodation are available on the Burrow House Site, Highfield Road, this will provide housing for many old persons on the Council's Housing List, who are in really urgent need. Twenty seven of the forty-seven units will be old persons dwellings and one for a resident warden.

No houses were demolished during the year.

### Re-housing

During the year 13 Council Houses were let as a result of changes of tenancy, and 7 tenants exchanged occupation of Council owned properties.



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Overcrowding and Certificates of Disrepair. One case of overcrowding was reported during the year, which was abated by informal action. No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. There are 3 sites licenced under the provisions of the above Act, and one site is operated by the Caravan Club.

Tenting. Four sites are used for tenting (including one under the control of the Camping Club of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). Sanitary accommodation and water supply is available.

62 visits were paid to sites during the year.

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#### WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board. 82 bacteriological samples were taken during the year by the Board and all proved satisfactory.

The following information has been supplied by the Board.

The water supply has been entirely satisfactory in quality and in quantity.

Bacteriological samples are taken weekly and duplicate examination results are sent to the Council. These samples are taken from consumers' taps at various points in the town. Samples for bacteriological analyses are not normally taken of the raw water as this is known to vary from day to day according to rainfall.

The water supplied from Hore Down is slightly plumbo solvent at the source, although this is corrected by treatment at Friendship before the water is put into supply.

No action has been necessary with regard to contamination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains is 3,400.

Natural Fluoride content of water .02 part per million.

Some water shortage was experienced during a few weeks at the height of the summer season in the Hele area. The North Devon Water Board have agreed to provide a booster to alleviate this trouble in the future.



Swimming Baths. The Council operate large covered sea water swimming baths, and there are also four private swimming baths attached to Hotels and Chalets Sites. The water is filtered and chlorinated.

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### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

No premises are used as slaughterhouses in the district.

The number of food and other shops in this area are:-

Cafes	53
Canteens	9
Bakehouses	5
Grocers and Dairies	38
Greengrocers	11
Butcherd	11
Fishmongers	3
Fish & Chip Shops	3
Confectioners, Tobacconists & Newsagents	25
Public Houses and Licenced Premises	24
Ladies' and Gents' Outfitters	24
Boot and Shoe Shops	5
Multiple Stores	4
Jewellers and Opticians	5
Chemists and Toilet	5
Fancy Goods, Toys and Photography	28
Hairdressers	8
Furniture Shops	1
Ironmongers, Decorators & Cycles	11
Electrical Goods	4
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	2
Garages and Petroleum Sales	17
Betting Shops	3

Unsound Food surrendered as unfit for human consumption:

1 ton 8 cwt. 2 qrs.

Unsound food is disposed of by burying at the Council Refuse Tip.

In most cases the food condemned originated from deep freeze cabinets which had broken down.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	Number of prems. regd during year	Total number of redg. premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	-	37	12
Retail Shops	1	90	56
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	2	1
Catering Establishments open to the public	-	38	-
Canteens	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>69</b>

Table B. Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors  
to registered premises 77

Table C. Persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed		
	M	F	Total
Offices	92	78	170
Retail Shops	137	238	375
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	5	2	7
Catering establishments open to the public	110	196	306
Canteens	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
	<u>344</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>858</u>

Table D. Exemptions. Nil

Table E. Prosecutions. Nil

Table F. Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under  
Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act One

Number of other staff employed for  
most of their time on work in  
connection with the Act. None.

### MILK SUPPLY

The County Council's Licence permits pasteurising at the Local Dairies under the Food and Drugs Act.

Ice Cream. No samples were taken during 1968.

There is 1 premises registered for the manufacture, 59 premises licenced for the sale and 1 for the storage of ice cream.

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Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960. 100 visits were made in connection with the Regulations.

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### Food & Drugs Sampling.

Devon County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for this area. All complaints relating to unsound food are passed to the County Council for any action that Authority consider necessary.

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### RODENT AND PEST CONTROL.

Rodent Control. This service is carried out on a part-time basis by a Council employee who does routine inspections and treatments using warfarin poison. 199 first inspections were made during the year which necessitated a further 645 re-visits. No major infestations were reported during the year.

The refuse tip is daily inspected for rat infestation and if any activity is found, treatment is carried out immediately.

The use of warfarin poison reduces risk of danger to domestic animals to minimal proportions and no cases of warfarin-prejudice was encountered during the year.

Pest Control - Wasps. In all cases advice is given on the best methods to be adopted for the extermination of these pests.



## REFUSE

Vehicles. The Council have three vehicles in use, one being laid up at Hele Depot during the winter months. The vehicles are:-

- (1) Ford 15 cwt. with specially constructed body for refuse collection, purchased August 1964.
- (2) Shelvoke & Drewry TN type Continuous Loader, purchased in April 1966.
- (3) Dennis Paxit IIA purchased in May 1968.

The old S. & D. Fore & Aft Tipper is kept serviceable at the Hele Depot, to be used if necessary. The Ford 15 cwt vehicle purchased in 1964 gave considerable mechanical trouble during the year and should, in my opinion, now be replaced by a somewhat larger capacity vehicle on a stouter chassis. I think that the four years service obtained from the existing small vehicle, which it is essential to operate to deal with premises situated in the several narrow lanes etc in the District, is as much as could be reasonably expected of it, bearing in mind the rough type of work which it has to perform.

Collection Service. Household refuse is collected weekly throughout the Urban District. Two collections are made each week during the summer months from Hotels and Guest Houses which are so assessed for **rating** purposes.

Further collections are made if requested on payment of 10/- per bin per additional collection per week for the summer season and pro rata charges are made for the collection of trade refuse, varying from £1. 11. 6d to £5. 12. 6d according to quantity to be removed.

Disposal of Refuse. The Refuse Tip at Killacleave Wood serves the District and controlled tipping is carried out.

The B.85 Loader tracked vehicle purchased in May 1965 continued to operate at the Tip during the year. New tracks were fitted in January and the engine overhauled during April, which should extend its useful life for another eighteen months to two years.

The amount of refuse deposited during the year consisted of 2,195 loads weighing an estimated 4,138 tons. In addition 2,952 loads of soil and other covering material were deposited at the Tip during the year.

The Council's Tip at Haggington Head continued to prove useful for the disposal of soil. During October refuse was again being deposited near the base of the tip at Killacleave, access being obtained from the newly-constructed road at the east side of the Tip.

No trouble was experienced with rats at the Tip, due to adequate covering of refuse and periodical baiting.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1961

One shop was licensed under the above act.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

List of Public Conveniences in the Urban District:-

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	
	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>
Hele	2 W.C.s	3 Urinal Stalls
Brimlands	2 "	3 " "
Shear Close	3 "	4 " "
St. James Park	1 "	2 " "
Pier	7 "	7 " "
Cheyne	2 "	3 " "
Pavilion	14 "	8 " "
Market Square	8 "	9 " "
Northfield Road	3 "	5 " "
Church Street	4 "	6 " "
Bicclescombe Park	2 "	3 " "
The Cove	3 "	3 " "
Lee	4 "	3 " "
Oxford Park	3 "	3 " "

Conveniences at the Pier continued to be cleaned by the Harbour Staff.

All other toilets in use are visited and cleaned every day during the winter time, and more frequently during the summer months.

## PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 AND 1936

During the year 23 renewal licences and 1 new licence permitting the storage of petroleum spirit and mixtures were issued.

The quantity of petroleum spirit involved was 68,455 gallons.

Licence fees received by the Local Authority amounted to £32.0.0.

26 inspections were carried out during the year, and 13 tanks were the subject of satisfactory 'ullage tests' during the year.







